

WILLIAM F. JOHNSON.

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MR. MCCLELLAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 2184.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2184) granting a pension to William F. Johnson, a crippled son of Robert E. Johnson, late of Company E, Eleventh New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, having carefully considered the same, respectfully report:

The proof in this case shows that the soldier was honorably discharged June 6, 1865, and died August 23, 1869, leaving his orphaned family in absolutely indigent circumstances, the mother having died two years previous.

Within a year after his father's death this beneficiary, then about 5 years old, became afflicted with sores which wasted away his flesh and distorted the bones and joints of his body generally, but more especially of his hands, arms, and legs, to such an extent as that he has never been able to walk without crutches. He has always been dependent on the poor fund of the township for support, and is without strength to labor. He was an inmate of the poorhouse for ten years, and is now dependent and permanently helpless.

The committee recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.